



IMPORTANT Information on Curbside collection of recycling, yard waste and trash as well as collection dates for household hazardous waste and other special collection programs.

Recycling and Trash Guidelines for Residents

July 2015

Backhus 21 Series used to turn yard waste rows at Hartwell Ave.



Department of Public Works

Lexington

HOUSEHOLD TRASH INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Place trash barrels or bags at curb no later than 7 A.M. on your collection day and remove within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ For general trash questions call LEX DPW at 781-274-8300 and press 1.
- ◆ For missed pick-up call JRM at 1-800-323-4285.
- ◆ JRM will collect up to 6 bags or barrels (32 gal. limit) of trash and 1 bulky item per week. Bulky items are furniture like a mattress & box spring, sofa, chair, auto tire (w/o rim), carpet (no more than 15 rolls at a time, cut in 4' lengths, rolled & tied) and large toys. Also accepted unpainted wood cut in 3 foot lengths, must be tied & bundled (not more than 50 lbs per bundle).
- ◆ Additional trash can be put out when moving in or out. Trash **MUST** be in bags or barrels at the curb in an orderly manner (**NOT** loose in piles); or it will not be collected.
- ◆ Call a private hauler for:
 - Construction & demolition debris e.g. plywood, lumber, bathtubs, cabinets, sheetrock & windows (contractors/homeowner responsible for disposal) See Building Materials Resource Center website for alternatives www.bostonbmr.org
 - Tree stumps, rocks, dirt & sand. (See Rock Drop-Off)
 - Automotive parts
 - Property cleanouts
- ◆ **COMPUTERS, TV'S, & ELECTRONICS**
- ◆ TV's, computers and other miscellaneous electronics (incl. keyboards, mouse, printer, vcr's, stereos, etc.) can be collected curbside separate from Household Trash, by appointment.
- ◆ Resident **must call** JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule curbside collection on the same day as your weekly trash/recycle collection day.
- ◆ Resident must schedule appointment by 3 P.M. the day prior to one's regular collection day.
- ◆ Residents are limited to putting out not more than ten CRT related items per year.



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Important Solid Waste & Recycling Information for 2015 - 2016



HOLD ON TO THIS CALENDAR



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Department of Public Works
Lexington, MA 02420

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For a Safer Environment

Recycling is Everybody's Job

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Lexington Rubbish Guidelines

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS: (HHP)

- ◆ Bring household cleaners, oil, gasoline and other automotive products, lawn & garden chemicals, oil-based paint & stains, varnishes & wood preservatives and other products such as fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks and auto batteries to the:
Minuteman HHP Regional Facility, 60 Hartwell Avenue
- ◆ 2015 remaining HHP collections: Saturday July 18, Saturday August 15, Sunday Sept.13, Saturday Oct. 17, and Saturday Nov. 7, from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- ◆ 2016 HHP collections: Saturday April 16, Saturday May 14, Saturday June 18, Saturday July 16, Saturday August 13, Sunday Sept. 18, Saturday October 15, and Saturday November 12, from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- ◆ For a complete listing of acceptable and nonacceptable materials go to Town website at: <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/hhwhfacility.cfm> or call the Board of Health at 781-698-4533.
- ◆ Don't bring water-base latex paint to HHP collections. Open cans to air, mix with kitty litter, shredded paper or use paint hardener (available at hardware store) to dry out, when paint in can is solidified put out in trash.

HHP SAFETY TIPS:

- ◆ Sort and pack paint, pesticides and cleaners separately. Pack your car and go directly to the collection site. Never smoke while handling items; tighten caps and lids; never mix chemicals and use original labeled containers. Always keep children and pets away from toxic items.

UNIVERSAL WASTE SHED FOR DROP-OFF

OF MERCURY ITEMS:

- ◆ Lexington Residents (proof of residency required) can drop off thermostats, thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs, button cell batteries, and nickel cadmium rechargeable batteries at the Universal Waste shed at Hartwell Avenue during regular operating hours. No other hazardous wastes accepted at shed. These mercury items can also be brought to any of the 8 HHP collections (for collection dates see HHP section above).

IMPORTANT PHONE / CONTACT INFORMATION:

<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/trash>

For a missed pickup, call JRM at 1-800-323-4285. For general information about the Town's trash and recycling programs call DPW at 781-274-8300 and press 1 for trash or recycling questions. For additional information on all of Lexington's solid waste and recycling programs go to the Town Web Page at: <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/trash>

LEXINGTON DEPT. OF PUBLIC FACILITIES (DPF) TEXTILE RECYCLING INITIATIVE WITH BAY STATE TEXTILES:

Every year in Massachusetts alone over 520 MILLION pounds of textiles are disposed of at incinerators or landfills, 95% of which can be reused or recycled. Since the fall of 2014 the textile recycling initiative has recovered over 42,000 pounds from 10 textile receptacles at 8 schools. For further information on acceptable and non-acceptable items please go to <http://www.baystatetextiles.com>.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS (C2C):

C2C is a non-profit organization that collects new and nearly new children items and distributes these items to low-income households throughout Massachusetts. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items please go to <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/donate-goods/items-we-accept>. Acceptable items can be brought to the purple & white C2C storage unit in rear parking lot at St. Brigid's Parish, 2001 Massachusetts Ave. Lexington, MA 02421.

Robert Beaudoin, Supt. of Environmental Service

Town's trash bill.

in reducing the
at 201 Bedford Street and participate in
the Samuel Hadley Public Services Building located
in Lexington, so if you need recycling bins come by
Reduce Reuse Recycle. Recycling is mandatory
Selectmen. Thank you for your continued efforts to
FY 2016. In late June 2015 the Solar Task Force
Revolving account to purchase a second Windrow
Town meeting appropriated funds from the Compost
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as little as 4 months compared to 12 months
needed.

3. Reduced composting time, compost produced in
increase
per acre.

2. Reduced energy costs during the summer months.

1. Increased production, compost yield increase

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Lexington Recycling Guidelines

“Recycle Every Week in Lexington”

why recycle?

Recycling saves money, creates jobs and reduces climate change. For every ton we recycle, we save 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 7000 gallons of water and over 3000 pounds of air pollutants. In FY15 trash remained flat at about 8,300 tons. Recycling tons of paper, cardboard and plastic, glass and metal containers was down 5% to 4,300 tons. Revenues generated at the Lexington Compost Facility from the sale of compost products and contractor yard waste permits totaled \$640,000 in FY15.

important recycling instructions

- ◆ Recycling is MANDATORY in Lexington.
- ◆ If recyclables appear in trash, JRM will sticker item and leave it behind.
- ◆ Place recyclables at curb at least 8' away from trash.
- ◆ Place recycle bins out by 7 A.M. on your collection day.
- ◆ Remove empty recycle bins within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ New and replacement recycling bins are available at the Lexington Public Services Facility, 201 Bedford Street. Each household is entitled to 2 recycle bins at no charge. Additional bins cost \$6 each. To recycle broken recycle bins return them to 201 Bedford Street.
- ◆ Compost bins (\$30) can be purchased at 201 Bedford Street, Monday – Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and picked-up at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Ave., Monday – Friday, 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- ◆ Don't Throw it Away! If you want to find a new home for something, whether it's a toy, chair, piano or just about anything else simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the Freecycle group in your area. Go to www.freecycle.org for details. or www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/donate.cfm

Lexington Compost Facility

Drop-off leaves, grass, yard waste including brush/branches ONLY 1" – 4" in diameter. Drop-off: Lexington Compost Facility, 60 Hartwell Ave. opens the 3rd Monday in March and closes the 3rd Friday in Dec. weather permitting, weekdays M-F 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and Sundays 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Expanded hours for several weeks in the fall and spring. Starting Monday Sept. 21 - Saturday Nov. 28, 2015 weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Spring expanded hours starting Monday April 4, 2016 - Saturday June 18, 2016 weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

For additional drop-off recycling services at Hartwell Ave. (see other side of flyer)

paper & cardboard:

Lexington operates a two-sort program: paper must be separated from commingled containers. Mixed paper in a paper bag can be placed on top of recycle bin with commingled containers. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping and NO PLASTIC BAGS.



glass, metal & plastic containers:

Place rinsed containers loose in your bin, no plastic or paper bags. OK to include plastic & metal caps & lids.



leaf & yard waste:

Curbside or drop-off

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

See shaded area in the recycling calendar for weeks when yard waste will be collected at the curb.



what to recycle:

- ◆ Newspapers/inserts
 - ◆ Magazines, phone books and catalogs
 - ◆ Junk mail/office paper
 - ◆ **CLEAN** pizza boxes (folded inside out)
 - ◆ Paperboard(cereal and shoe boxes etc.) and paperback books
 - ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- Curbside collection: cardboard must be flattened and cut to 36" x 36" or less, and for multiple pieces it must be tied/bundled together, or placed under or between recycle bins. Cardboard placed in trash barrel/bags will be stickered and all contents left at the curb. Drop-off option: bring flattened oversized cardboard to container at Lexington Compost facility mid March - mid December. See yard waste drop-off for hours.

no need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, metal spirals, or plastic windows on envelopes.

recycle more containers:

- ◆ Residents can use any 32 gallon barrel for recycling glass, metal & plastic containers. Face the sticker (available at 201 Bedford St., 1st floor DPW office) to the street when using a barrel. (No more than 35 lbs. per barrel)
- ◆ Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage containers only
- ◆ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- ◆ Metal food cans, lids and caps
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates and trays
- ◆ Aseptic containers such as: milk and juice cartons, and juice/drink boxes
- ◆ All ♻️ thru ♻️ plastic containers **ONLY** (look for symbol on bottom of containers)
- ◆ Stiff plastic Styrofoam food trays

what is yard waste?

- ◆ Leaves, grass clippings, flower & garden plants, wood chips, pine needles, organic vegetation, brush 1 inch in diameter or less

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Special curbside recycling collection weeks of Dec. 28 - Jan 2 and Jan. 4 - 8, 2016 on regular collection day. Trees are picked up in a separate truck. Resident must remove all foreign objects (plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.) Place tree curbside separate from trash & recyclables. An alternative is to drop off tree at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Avenue weekdays only from 12/28/15 - 01/29/16 **ALL FOREIGN OBJECTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TREE. Please note: Christmas trees are no longer accepted at the Samuel Hadley Public Services Building on 201 Bedford St.**

how to prepare paper:

- ◆ Place mixed paper in brown paper bags on top of recycle bin with containers or place all mixed paper together in recycle bin separate from recycle bin with commingled containers.
- ◆ Paperboard (e.g. cereal & cracker boxes) flattened, foil & plastic liners removed
- ◆ For info on how and where to donate books go to www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/donate.cfm
- ◆ Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed and placed in or on top of bin
- ◆ Do not recycle soiled pizza boxes, put in trash

cardboard drop-off sites:

Residents with lots of cardboard or oversized boxes can bring it to the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave. (for hours see Lexington Compost Facility on previous page), or directly behind the Hammond A. Hosmer House in Town Hall parking lot or at the Grace Chapel parking lot off of Worthen Road. Look for "cardboard only" green slotted JRM containers. Boxes must be flattened. No soiled or waxed cardboard.

how to prepare containers:

- ◆ RINSE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS
- ◆ Collars, neck rings & labels ok
- ◆ Crush plastic & aseptic containers
- ◆ RINSE CLEAN and include with other containers
- ◆ Remove straws from juice/drink boxes

do not include:

- ◆ **NO plastic bags**-recycle at area grocery stores
- ◆ Plastic motor oil or chemical containers
- ◆ All stiff Styrofoam packaging should be put in trash
- ◆ Corks and broken glass
- ◆ Ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses and unclean flowerpots
- ◆ Aluminum foil, paint cans, metal items, aerosol cans, coat hangers
- ◆ To recycle large metal items, see reverse side.

how to prepare yard waste:

- ◆ Place yard waste in paper biodegradable bags or open barrels without lids & place at curbside separate from trash & recycling
- ◆ ORANGE yard waste stickers for barrels available at the DPW, 201 Bedford Street, Monday thru Friday 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

do not include:

- ◆ NO PLASTIC BAGS
- ◆ No stumps or logs
- ◆ No rocks, stones, dirt or sand
- ◆ No construction waste
- ◆ No brush larger than 1" in diameter

LEXINGTON COLLECTION CALENDAR 2015-2016

JULY 2015						
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- **Observed Holidays** (No collection) one day delay rest of the week
 - **Curbside Yard Waste Collections**
 - 🌲 **Christmas Tree Collection 12/28/15 thru 1/2/16 and 1/4/16 thru 1/8/16**
 - ⚠️ **Medical Waste Collections** Wed. Oct. 7, 2015, Sat. Oct. 17, 2015, Sat. March 26, 2016, and Wed. June 1, 2016
 - ☠️ **HHP (Hazardous Household Products) Events**
 - DROP-OFF OF ROCKS, CONCRETE & ASPHALT**
- Residents can now drop-off limited amounts (no more than 3 five gallon buckets at a time) of miscellaneous small rocks, broken asphalt and broken concrete in the designated drop-off area at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave. Brick **NOT** accepted.

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